



## **Jonathan Dingle FRSA**

**Mediator since 1996**

**Specialist areas: clinical negligence, personal injury, costs**

Jonathan Dingle is a leading barrister, mediator and internationally experienced arbitrator complimented as “inspiring”, “remarkable” and “incisive” in his work over three decades in many fields.

At the Bar, he specialises in clinical negligence, personal injury, child and sexual abuse claims, and complex cases, often with a national or international dimension.

He is regarded as something of an institution in complex personal injury and clinical negligence dispute resolution. His more than 800 ADR cases have included various disputes and issues, from the trivial to tragic deaths of children. His feedback from parties is “legendary”. In a recent NHS child death case, he was credited by all parties in the resolution of a very long running, difficult, and tragic matter.

He is supported by a full time dispute resolution assistant who eases the path to arbitration and mediation. Personal Injury Mediator of the Year in 2009/2010 he was again so honoured for 2016/17 at the PI awards in November 2016.

As a barrister, he practices from 218 Strand in London enjoying a strong portfolio of work with and head injury, psychological, psychiatric or abuse bias. He has a deserved reputation in military law. Called as a barrister of the Middle Temple in 1986 following a distinguished career at sea in the Royal Navy working as a Commander with NATO navies, he later served on operational duties in the Gulf War before becoming a Judge Advocate.

As such he dealt with complex and challenging cases – working alone and as part of a team. In the MOD, he briefed ministers and heads of state, and ran a substantial range of sensitive projects, both lead by and leading senior civil servants. He was fully deep vetted to the highest levels and retains the extended security clearance in his present part-time judicial appointment.

He entered private bar practice in 1996. He has built a reputation as a leading adviser, negotiator, mediator, and practitioner in complex and difficult cases – both in the UK and overseas. He is often instructed in clinical negligence claims and wrote the ADR Chapter in Powers & Harris.

As a mediator, his work for more than a decade led to his appointment as Honorary Secretary of the United Kingdom's Civil Mediation Council in 2003, a post which he held for eight years. He played a major role in influencing judges, practitioners and stakeholders in previously intractable disputes.

He has led more than 200 mediation and arbitration training courses in Europe and internationally which have been universally praised. In doing so, he has already created a generation of mediators worldwide under the facilitative model. He has helped established associations worldwide. He is currently undertaking pro bono work establishing reconciliation processes in schools in South Africa where bullying, abuse and other issues are rife.

“Jonathan Dingle is widely regarded as the epitome of a modern international mediator who brings a relaxed style and a razor-sharp mind to every mediation, helping participants resolve disputes that seemed intractable”

He is also a member of a number of advisory groups and panels, has chaired inquiries and standards boards, and holds a part-time Judicial Appointment in the United Kingdom dealing with highly sensitive matters.

As an arbitrator, Jonathan chaired or coordinated a number of panels for the Chartered Institute in London for some years. In 2015 he was honoured with membership of the Association of Arbitrators of Southern Africa in recognition for his work in that country. Similar recognition was granted in India, in the Cayman Islands, and in the Bahamas. Jonathan's style is relatively informal but should not be mistaken for an absence of a fine seaman like eye for detail, or a thorough grounding in procedure on which he is widely consulted.

His arbitrations as a sole appointment generally proceed faster than the average. His awards are carefully constructed and clear to read – and generally quickly available.

Involved in mediation training and presentation with NDR and in NHS in-house mediation training, visiting lecturer and external examiner in mediation to the University of Malta from 2012.

## **Mediation Experience- Clinical Negligence**

Widespread mediation experience including specialist clinical negligence mediations and he has particular expertise in relation to:

- Fatal outcomes including failures to diagnose, treat or respond
- Maternity, obstetrics, and gynecology including CP, wrongful birth and care issues
- Ambulance Trust cases
- Surgical issues, including amputations, Montgomery matters and pain cases

Jonathan's interests include his Morgan, exploring on a motorcycle, theatre and film, running and surfing. He is also a founding Trustee of the Jeff Astle Foundation for brain injury in sport.

## **Background/Education/Professional**

The Perse School, Cambridge to 1975 Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth 1976 Kings College, London to 1979 Royal Naval College, Greenwich to 1980 Inns of Court School of Law 1985/1986 Middle Temple called 1986 Commander, Royal Navy (retired 1996) Seven warships, MOD, Whitehall, Judge Advocate, operations Barrister and International Mediator in independent practice Founder and Honorary Secretary of the Civil Mediation Council.

## **Testimonials**

"This was an exceptionally difficult case involving the death of a child and distraught parents – the approach adopted by Jonathan Dingle as the mediator was the key to success."

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